

Application Serial No. 10/613,263

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8 (Cancelled)

Claims 9-14 (Withdrawn)

Claim 15. (Currently amended) A method for making a cylindrical member of a pontoon, the method including the steps of providing a sheet of aluminum having a length of at least 14 feet, and encircling the sheet about its length axis so as to have an internal diameter of at least about 20 inches using at least one roller having a length of at least 14 feet while simultaneously urging portions of the at least one roller in a desired direction so that the roller is substantially axially linear, and welding the thus encircled sheet to itself by use of a single longitudinal weld to yield the cylindrical member, wherein the cylindrical member is substantially linear along its length axis and does not exhibit a bow, curvature, or other deviation in excess of about 1/2 inch.

Claim 16. (Original) The method of Claim 15, wherein the at least one roller comprises three rollers each having a length of at least 14 feet and the step of simultaneously urging the at least one roller comprises simultaneously urging portions of each of the three rollers in desired directions so that each of the rollers is substantially axially linear.

Claim 17. (Original) The method of Claim 15, wherein the sheet of aluminum has a length of at least about 20 feet.

Claim 18. (New) A method for making a cylindrical member of a pontoon, the method comprising the steps of providing a sheet of aluminum having a length of at least 14 feet, encircling the sheet about its length axis so as to have an internal diameter of at least about 20 inches, and welding the thus encircled sheet to itself by use of a single longitudinal weld to yield the cylindrical member, wherein the cylindrical member is substantially linear along its length axis and does not exhibit a bow, curvature, or other deviation in excess of about 1/2 inch.